I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEBODY DIED AT OUR SCHOOL.
SERIOUSLY?
A DAY AFTER THE TRAGEDY...

DID YOU REALY SEE IT, KANATA?
A GIRL WITH A SNAKE HEAD?
YEAH.
DON'T MAKE ME KEEP SAYING IT.
WHY WOULD I LIE ABOUT THAT?

I THINK THE SNAKE GIRL WAS SAYA INOUE.
MAYBE WHAT SHIZUKA WAS SAYING WASN'T JUST A RUMOR,
AND SAYA INOUE REALLY IS GIRAFFE MAN'S GIRL-FRIEND.

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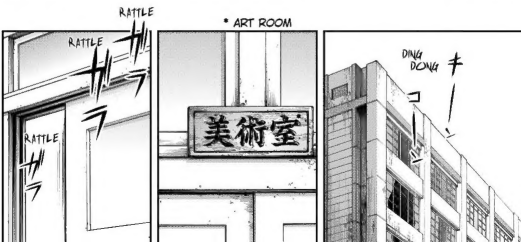
WH-WHAT IS THIS?
HUH?

GRAB
I CAN GO TO SCHOOL BY MYSELF!
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU COME TO MY HOUSE FOR?
LET ME GO!
KANATA, DID YOU GET A CALL FROM THE TEACHER LAST NIGHT?
OH, YEAH. YOU GOT ONE, TOO?
THEY SAID TO MAKE SURE WE CAME TO SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
HEY, THAT'S TAKEDA-KUN.
WE CAN'T USE THE MAIN BUILDING ANYMORE, SO YOUR CLASS IS IN A DIFFERENT SPOT. WE'LL TAKE YOU THERE.
HEY, YOU KIDS. WHAT CLASS ARE YOU IN?

HAHAHA... YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SCARED.
COME ON,
LET'S GET YOU TO CLASS.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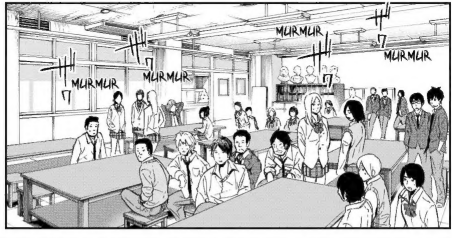
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THE POLICE HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TALK TO US ABOUT.
E-EVERYONE, SIT DOWN.

THOSE GUYS...

GRIN
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HEY, MORNING, EVERYBODY!
I'M SPECIAL INVEST-IGATION OFFICER KUJOU!
PLUCK
I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU ALL TODAY. YOU MAY FIND THIS SHOCKING, BUT PLEASE PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION.

YESTERDAY, SAYA INOUE FROM CLASS 2-C COLLAPSED AT SCHOOL AND WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.
AND THEY FOUND SOMETHING SHOCKING...

SAYA INOUE-SAN WAS...
INFECTED WITH A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE.
SHE'S PRESENTLY UNDERGOING TREATMENT AT A HOSPITAL, SO DON'T WORRY.
MUR MUR
MUR MUR
MUR MUR
WE'D LIKE EVERYONE HERE TO UNDERGO A CHECK FOR THE DISEASE.
HUH?!
SAYA INOUE IS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A DISEASE?!
THAT ISN'T WHAT THEY TOLD ME AT ALL!

A DISEASE?
THUMP
DOES THAT MEAN THAT IF SOMEBODY HERE IS SICK WE'LL ALL GET IT?
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
WE KNOW THE DISEASE CAN'T BE TRANSMITTED VIA THE AIR.
IT'S TRANSMISSIBLE BY SALIVA, MEMBRANES, AND BLOOD. IN OTHER WORDS, UNLESS YOU'VE SHARED A DRINK, KISSED THEM, OR HAD SEX WITH THEM YOU WON'T GET IT.
SERIOUSLY!?
HEY!!!
OH, SORRY.
SO PLEASE AVOID CONTACT WITH OTHERS UNTIL YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR CHECK.

LAST NIGHT INOUE AND I... HELL NO!
I'M NOT STAYING HERE AND GETTING THE DAMN PLAGUE!
SCREW THIS!
SLAM
I'M LEAVING.
SLAM
PLEASE COOPERATE WITH US, AND STAY IN YOUR SEAT UNTIL YOUR NUMBER IS CALLED.
SHUT UP AND GET OUT OF MY WAY!
SMACK

SNAP
SNAP
WHA-
UWAH!
GRAB!
CRACK
CRACK
AAAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAAAAH
HHHHHH
HHH!

I GET IT! LET ME GO!
AAAAHHHH!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
UGH
THESE GUYS ARE SERIOUSLY BAD NEWS...

HMM....

POP!
DOCTOR, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HUH?

HMM...
UM, DR. NOZAKURA?
...?

OH, THE DOCTOR IS BEING A BIT...
HUH? WHAT'S UP?

...

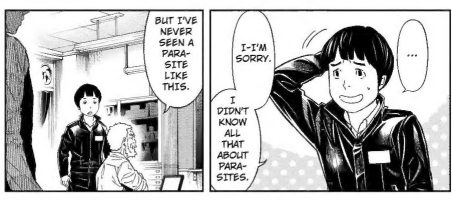
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, EBISU?!
GIVE THAT BACK!
UWAH!
DAMN IT.
I WAS JUST GETTING SOME-WHERE, TOO.
SHORT
SHORT
AND YOU INTERRUPTED ME!
I'M TRYING TO BECOME A PARASITE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR INTENTIONS!

WHAT? YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT?
WHAT?
BUGS HAVE INTEN-TIONS?
CLICK
CLICK
LOOK AT THIS.
THIS IS THE NEEDLE WORM, PARAGORDIUS TRICUSPIDATUS, WHICH WILL PARASITIZE A PRAYING MANTIS.
BUT THE MANTIS IS A LAND INSECT. IF IT JUST LEFT THE MANTIS'S BODY IT WOULD SHRIVEL UP AND DIE.
WHEN IT GROWS OUT OF ITS LARVAL FORM, INSIDE THE MANTIS'S BODY, IT NEEDS TO ESCAPE INTO WATER TO BREED.

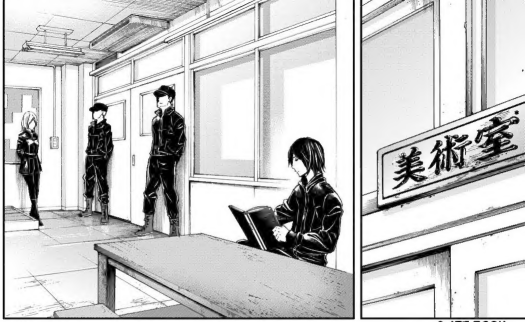
IT TAKES OVER THE MANTIS'S BRAIN, TAKES CONTROL OF ITS BODY AND CAUSES IT TO DIVE IN THE WATER.
IT'S SIMPLE.
SO HOW DOES THE NEEDLE WORM GET TO THE WATER?
YES. THE NEEDLE WORM FORCES THE MANTIS TO COMMIT SUICIDE!
C-CONTROL? THAT MEANS THAT...
CONTROLLING ITS HOST TO GET WHAT IT WANTS!
IN OTHER WORDS, A PARASITE IS CAPABLE OF

ONLY AN ALIEN COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
THE PARASITE IN THIS INCIDENT TURNED A MAN'S HEAD INTO A GIRAFFE!
I GET THAT A PARASITE COULD HAVE INTENTIONS, BUT...
O-OKAY...
THERE ARE LOTS OF PARASITES THAT TRANSFORM THEIR HOSTS!
RIP
TEAR
WH-WHAT IS THIS? IT'S DISGUSTING!
ITS ANTENNA WAS TRANSFORMED BY A PARASITE CALLED LEUCOCHLORIDIUM!
SEE HOW WEIRD ITS ANTENNA LOOKS?
LOOK AT THIS SNAIL!

IT CAUSES THE ANTENNA TO SWELL UP AND ELONGATE TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A CATERPILLAR.
HOP
HOP
THIS MAKES BIRDS MORE LIKELY TO EAT IT.
IT DOES THIS BECAUSE THE PARASITE NEEDS TO BE INSIDE A BIRD TO REPRODUCE.


BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN A PARA-SITE LIKE THIS.
...
I-I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T KNOW ALL THAT ABOUT PARA-SITES.

I DON'T KNOW IF WE COULD EVEN DETECT IT UNLESS IT WAS JUST ABOUT TO TRANSFORM.
WE'LL NEED SOME OTHER WAY.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EVERY-THING THESE GUYS ARE SAYING IS A LIE.
THE SNAKE GIRL, THE GIRAFFE MAN, THE "DISEASE"...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT I KNOW SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT!

Y-
YOU OKAY?
YEAH.

I HAVE TO DO IT.

I'M GONNA HAVE TO DO IT.
SORRY, TOKIJI.
THE STRANGE EVENTS CONTINUE... WHAT IS KANATA'S POWER?
FLASH
WE WILL BE OFF NEXT ISSUE. SEE YOU ON 3/18!